

## CHURCH NEWS.

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Baccalaureate address by Rev. Fred R. Graves, Greenville, Miss.

**Kosciusko:** The Presbytery of Central Mississippi dissolved the pastoral relation between Dr. C. T. Thomson and the Kosciusko church, to take effect June 1st. Dr. Thomson will take charge of the Chamberlain Hunt Academy at Port Gibson, Miss.

This congregation has let a contract to the Pilcher Company of Louisville to place a pipe organ in the church during the summer. A junior choir of twenty voices, girls and boys, has been formed, and it has charge of the singing at the evening services. A Bible class of twenty-four ladies is studying the Acts of the apostles, using the plan adopted from Miss Grace Saxe's work with women under Billy Sunday meetings. It develops individual work very well.

The offerings from this church last year were \$3,148, just fifty dollars less than for the previous year.

**West Point:** Rev. John Goff, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this place, assisted Rev. L. R. Simpson in a five days' meeting at Carrollton, Ala. There were eight additions during the meeting and the church was greatly revived otherwise.

**Hazelwood:** A protracted meeting, in which the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt and sinners converted, was held here March 29th through

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April 10th. Rev. W. M. Sikes, of Newton, N. C., assisted the pastor during most of this time. He preached the gospel of the grace of God with a beauty and with a simplicity and earnestness that caused the people to listen attentively, and they soon learned to love him as preacher and man.

Preparation for the meeting had been made by pastor and flock. Preliminary services of instruction and prayer meetings were held and a choir met and practiced. At the evening services this choir rendered valuable aid by singing sweetly the gospel songs—some old, some new. There were eighteen who publicly confessed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. More than half of these were scholars in the Sunday-school, where they have been carefully trained in the Scriptures. Three have already united with our church; two or three others expect to do so shortly, while the remainder have or will join the Baptist and Methodist churches. That the Christians received a blessing is shown by larger attendance at the regular preaching and prayer meeting services.

All are anxious to have Mr. Sikes return in the not distant future and preach here again. For all these blessings we are grateful to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Wm. P. Chedester.

**MISSOURI.**

**St. Louis, Central Church:** This church had a gracious day April 23rd. Over one thousand two hundred people were in attendance, and the pastor, Rev. J. Layton Mauze, D. D., received sixty new members into the church and baptized ten infants. Special music, appropriate to the season, was rendered by the choir.

**SOUTH CAROLINA.**

**Greenville:** The Second church reported to Enoree Presbytery that it had received forty-two members during the year, and had three hundred and seventy-one communicants on the roll. It contributed to all causes \$6,652, \$1,898 being for benevolences. The Sunday-school has a total enrollment of three hundred and ninety-six, and contributed \$712 to all causes. Of this amount it gave \$144 to Foreign Missions, and \$100 to Orphans' Home. The Ladies' Working Society, Ladies' Missionary Society, Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor Societies and Sunbeams have done excellent work during the year. The Building Committee has just completed the basement for social and additional Sunday-school purposes, and the debt on the house of worship has been paid. With a good location, a growing membership, a Christian spirit, an excellent material equipment, a united and

active people and a progressive city, with God's gracious presence and blessing, the future of the church is bright.

**TEXAS.**

**Crockett:** The reports to Presbytery of this church show a good degree of liberality on the part of the church for the year ending with March. The total contributions amount to nearly \$2,000, of which about one-fourth were for the various benevolent causes of our church. The average contribution per member is nearly \$15 for each resident member, and about \$20 or \$25 for each adult contributor. The Ladies' Aid Society, Ladies' Missionary Society, Young Girls' Society and Sunday-school all made good contributions.

**Dallas, First Church:** The statistical report for this church is as follows: Elders, 25; deacons, 25; added on examination, 80; added on certificate, 103; resident communicants, 1,327; non-resident communicants, 109; total number of communicants, 1,436; adult baptisms, 27; infant baptisms, 25; officers and teachers, 102; scholars, 850; Cradle Roll, 201; Home Department, 100; total Sunday-school enrollment, 1,253; incidental expenses, including pastor's salary, \$13,165. The benevolent report is as follows: Foreign Missions, \$3,432; Assembly's Home Missions, \$250; Synod's Home Missions, \$111; Presbytery's Home Missions, \$900; Congregational Home Missions, \$1,410; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, \$225; Sabbath School Extension and Publication, \$259; Schools and Colleges, \$550; Bible Cause, \$18; Orphan Homes, \$620; miscellaneous benevolences, \$2,062; total to benevolences, \$10,457.

**La Grange:** During the last year, ending March 31, 1916, God's presence has been manifested in an especial manner, both by the increase in membership—thirteen members having been added—and by the personal work of the members themselves. Six members were added to the roll during a campaign, now on, "Win by Ones."

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